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**From:** Kemker, Carol [Kemker.Carol@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/20/2020 6:12:46 PM  
**To:** Newman, Keriema [Newman.Keriema@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: RCRA NOI - WASCO - FYI

Thanks!

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**From:** Newman, Keriema <Newman.Keriema@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** Kemker, Carol <Kemker.Carol@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Lamberth, Larry <Lamberth.Larry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: RCRA NOI - WASCO - FYI

Carol

Carol

WASCO is a RCRA state authorization/permitting issue between NCDEQ and this company that is notifying us of their intent to sue, pursuing a mandatory duty law suit against us. It is not an ECAD issue and LCRD and ORC are involved. While I was in LCRD, the region became aware of the state's position, litigation with the company, and victory. We were somewhat involved (after the fact) because of the company's FOIA's and their previous letters/meetings with ORCR/OLEM. I could go into more detail but the bottom line is, they are suing us and OGC is lead. You may hear Leif or Suzanne update Mary in senior staff meeting.

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On Nov 19, 2020, at 5:43 PM, Kemker, Carol <Kemker.Carol@epa.gov> wrote:

Is this us or SEMD?

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**From:** Palmer, Leif <Palmer.Leif@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** Haire, Stacey <Haire.Stacey@epa.gov>; Clay, David <Clay.David@epa.gov>; Hansen, Susan <Hansen.Susan@epa.gov>; Johnson, MaryC <Johnson.MaryC@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rubini, Suzanne <Rubini.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Bush, William <Bush.William@epa.gov>; Redleaf-Durbin, Joan <Redleaf-Durbin.Joan@epa.gov>; Michuda, Colleen E. <Michuda.Colleen@epa.gov>; Kemker, Carol <Kemker.Carol@epa.gov>; Newman, Keriema <Newman.Keriema@epa.gov>; Lamberth, Larry <Lamberth.Larry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RCRA NOI - WASCO - FYI

Thanks. I think I was confusing this Asheville Dyeing with Lyman Dyeing.

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**From:** Haire, Stacey <Haire.Stacey@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Palmer, Leif <Palmer.Leif@epa.gov>; Clay, David <Clay.David@epa.gov>; Hansen, Susan <Hansen.Susan@epa.gov>; Johnson, MaryC <Johnson.MaryC@epa.gov>  
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Leif,

CERCLIS shows Asheville Dyeing & Finishing as a NFRAP (No Further Remedial Action Planned) for the CERCLA Program. It looks like we did a PA/SI but did not proceed to list the site on the NPL.

--Stacey

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This is billed as a RCRA Notice of Intent to Sue but I think the Asheville Dyeing is a Superfund Site.

Thoughts?

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**From:** Gaines, Jeff <Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:36 PM

**To:** Palmer, Leif <Palmer.Leif@epa.gov>; Hansen, Susan <Hansen.Susan@epa.gov>; Monell, Carol <Monell.Carol@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Kohler, Amanda <Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov>; Gerhard, Sasha <Gerhard.Sasha@epa.gov>; Housley, Denise <Housley.Denise@epa.gov>; DeRobertis, Cecilia <DeRobertis.Cecilia@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: RCRA NOI - WASCO - FYI

R4 folks,  
this is FYI. You may have seen this already, but wanted to be sure.

Also, FYI – here's a link to the WASCO RCRA Online letter from last year: <https://rcrapublic.epa.gov/files/14908.pdf>

Thanks!

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*Jeff Gaines*

Phone: 703-308-8655

*"The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds the most discoveries, is not "Eureka!" (I found it!) but "That's funny." — Isaac Asimov*

*"Dulce et Decorum Est Desipere in Loco" — Josiah S. Carberry*

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**From:** Kohler, Amanda <[Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov](mailto:Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:17 PM

**To:** Gaines, Jeff <[Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: RCRA NOI - WASCO

Jeff – were you involved with WASCO previously? Sending this as just FYI for now.

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**From:** DeRobertis, Cecilia <[DeRobertis.Cecilia@epa.gov](mailto:DeRobertis.Cecilia@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 10:33 AM

**To:** Sasseville, Sonya <[Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov](mailto:Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov)>; Guernica, Mimi <[Guernica.Mimi@epa.gov](mailto:Guernica.Mimi@epa.gov)>; Kohler, Amanda <[Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov](mailto:Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Celeste, Laurel <[celeste.laurel@epa.gov](mailto:celeste.laurel@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RCRA NOI - WASCO

Sonya, Mimi, and Amanda,

Here's the NOI I mentioned this morning. For context I've also attached:

1. WASCO's 2019 letter
2. A close-to-final draft of Barnes' letter. Unfortunately I can't find the final version in my files.

Like I mentioned earlier, my sense is that this NOI is a stretch.

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**From:** DeRobertis, Cecilia

**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2020 12:39 PM

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**Subject:** NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE (RCRA 7002)

On October 2, 2020, WASCO LLC filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to sue the EPA in district court under RCRA 7002. Specifically, WASCO claims that EPA failed its non-discretionary duty to oversee North Carolina's EPA-authorized state hazardous waste program and ensure consistency with federal policy. This NOI arises from a dispute that WASCO has with North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (NCDEQ) about whether is an operator on a RCRA Hazardous Waste Management permit. In 2019, WASCO requested that EPA intervened in the state permit process. EPA declined because 1) state courts had repeatedly ruled in favor of NCDEQ's position that WASCO is a RCRA

operator and is therefore subject to RCRA permitting requirements; 2) North Carolina is authorized by the EPA to implement its state hazardous waste program in lieu of the federal RCRA.

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